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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): A. NINOMIYA, et al
Serial No.: 09/937,849
Filed: November 15, 2001
For: BODY PROBE FOR MRI AND MRI DEVICE
Group: 3736
Examiner:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 7, 2002

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

NC Please replace the original specification with the attached Substitute Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 5 and 9-11 as follows:

5. (amended) The body probe for MRI according to claim 1, wherein an indicator indicating a center of a center coil is provided at a center of a top surface of said center coil portion.